

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the spacer comprising:

an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a wall extending therebetween; and

an ornamental member connected to said wall.

2. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 1 wherein said generally parallel sides of said elongated spacer member comprise wings for insertion into the railing system.

3. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 1 wherein said ornamental member is a diamond.

4. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 1 wherein said ornamental member is a circle.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the spacer comprising:~~

~~an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a wall extending therebetween;~~

~~an ornamental member connected to said wall; and~~

The ornamental spacer of claim 1 further comprising an elongated cross member connected to said ornamental member and disposed generally parallel to said spacer member and generally in the same plane as the elongated spacer member, said elongated cross member having first and second ends.

6. (Currently Amended) The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said generally parallel sides of said elongated spacer member comprise wings for insertion into the railing system.

7. (Currently Amended) The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said first and second ends of said elongated cross member comprises connector means for connecting said elongated cross member to the pickets.

8. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 7 wherein said connector means comprises tines spaced apart for snugly engaging the pickets.
9. (Currently Amended) The ornamental spacer of claim 7 wherein said connector means comprises connector walls extending generally perpendicular to said cross member.
10. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 7 wherein said connector means comprises connector walls extending generally perpendicular to said cross member and fasteners, said connector walls each defining a hole whereby said fasteners may be inserted through to the pickets.
11. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said ornamental member is a diamond.
12. (Original) The ornamental spacer of claim 5 wherein said ornamental member is a circle.
13. (Original) A kit for an ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the kit comprising:
- an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a wall extending therebetween; and
 - an ornamental member connectable to said wall.
14. (Currently Amended) ~~A kit for an ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the kit comprising:~~
- ~~an elongated spacer member having generally parallel sides and a wall extending therebetween;~~
 - ~~an ornamental member connectable to said wall; and~~
- The kit of claim 13 further comprising an elongated cross member connectable to said ornamental member and disposed generally parallel to said spacer member and generally in the same plane as the elongated spacer member, said elongated cross member having first and second ends.
15. (Original) An ornamental picket spacer for a railing system, the spacer comprising:
- an elongated spacer member; and
 - an ornamental member connected to said elongated spacer member.